

## Our Origins

The Ohio Society, Sons of the American Revolution was organized on April 11, 1889, in the office of Governor Joseph B. Foraker, who became a charter member.

In Ohio, a Preliminary meeting, attended by a few residents of the state, was held in the office of Governor J.B. Foraker at the capitol in Columbus on April 11, 1889. The attendees were Reverend W.R. Parsons of Worthington, General H.A. Axline of Zanesville and Henry A. Williams, L. Backus, W. A. Taylor, Reverend Thomas B. Van Horne, D. H. Gard, W.d. Guilbert and A.A. Graham of Columbus. Eleven days later, at a second meeting, Reverend W.R. Parsons was elected the first President of the Ohio Society; Henry A. Williams, Treasurer and A.A. Graham Secretary. The Organization of the Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution antedated that of the National Society by nineteen days.

The National Congress at Louisville on April 30, 1890 began the work of recruiting the Society in Ohio, which had now become a branch of the Sons of the American Revolution. Reverend Wilson R. Parsons, Secretary, entered upon the task of holding meetings in the principal cities of the state and of creating local branches of the State Society. The first meeting was held in Cincinnati on May 28, 1890 at the Burnet house with an excellent attendance Judge Hollister Presided G. Mortimer Roe was Secretary. Also present were; J.D. Caldwell; K.T. Lee; D.w. Miller; Dr. Carson/ Professor Norton; George Kinsey; Dr. L.C. Armstrong F.F. Gibson; Dr. Ambrose and M.L. O'Brien. The Meeting was an enthusiastic one and energetic efforts were started to secure a large membership for the Ohio Society in Cincinnati. However the Ohio S.A.R. met with an unexpected obstacle in a public misapprehension of the character of the Society. Some of the German Newspapers of Cincinnati conceived the opinion that German citizens were to be excluded from membership because they were Germans. It was found necessary to make explanations through the press The Society received the powerful aid of General H.C. Boynton, whose editorials and explanations in *The Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette* had awakened fresh interest in the Ohio S.A.R.

**The Sons of the American Revolution is a Non-Political, Non-Sectarian, and Non-Secretive Organization.**

## **What is the S. A. R. ?**

The S.A.R. is a Historical, Educational and Patriotic non-profit United States 501 (C)3 Corporation that seeks to maintain and extend:

- The institution of American Freedom
- An appreciation for true patriotism
- A respect for our national symbols
- The value of American citizenship
- The unifying force of E Pluribus Unum that has created, from the people of many nations, one nation and one people

We do this by perpetuating the stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, tragedy and triumph of the men who achieved the independence of the American people in the belief that these stories are universal ones of man's eternal struggle against tyranny relevant to all time and will inspire and strengthen each succeeding generation as it too is called upon to defend our freedoms on the battlefields and in our public institutions.

## **Our Membership**

Today the Ohio Society consists of 1482 members in 21 Chapters across the State of Ohio.

Almost 165,000 descendants of the men and women patriots of the American Revolution have been admitted into the National Society since our Founding. Ohio society members include:

- Presidents of the United States
- Brigadier, Lieutenant, 5 Star Generals and Medal of Honor Recipients
- Presidents of Several Colleges and Universities
- Ambassadors
- Judges, State and U.S. Congressmen
- Members include small businessmen, Doctors, Lawyers, School Teachers, CPA's, elected Local, State and Federal officials and Government employees, all of who have a deep appreciation for America, its heritage and institutions.

## **Our Governance**

**The Board of Management** of the Ohio Society is vested with the authority to conduct the affairs of the Society and shall be deemed for all purposes to constitute the Board of Directors within the meaning of the Ohio Nonprofit Corporation Law, irrespective of the different name by which it is herein designated. The Board of Management shall consist of the following persons, occupying certain positions within and without the Ohio Society as ex officio, who shall constitute the entire membership of the Board of Management: The elective Ohio Society officers including the three Directors-at-Large, the National Trustee (in his absence the Alternate National Trustee) From the Ohio Society, District Chairmen, Chapter Presidents, Chapter Secretaries, and Past Ohio Society Presidents. A Quorum for the transaction of business shall be fifteen members who are also members of the Board of Management Representing at least six Chapters. Board of Management meetings are called by the President with thirty days written notice to its members. The President shall call a special meeting of the Board of Management for a special purpose at the request , in writing, of five members of said Board. The President with the Approval of the Board of Management or the Board of Management may create such other committees as deemed necessary, with an appropriate number of members on each such committee, and may delegate such duties to such committees as desirable and may also terminate any Committee that has served its purpose and is no longer needed.

As a requirement of the State of Ohio a Statutory Agent is appointed by the Board of Management for a continuing term of office. The Statutory Agent is the official contact for communications coming from the State of Ohio.

**The Executive Committee** shall consist of the President, First Vice-President , Second Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to carry out the policies of the Board of Management and to act on its behalf when the Board of Management is not in session. A Quorum for transacting business shall be four members for meetings, telephone conferences and through e-mail messages. A second responsibility of the Executive Committee is the ongoing assessment of the Ohio Society Program Activities and their effectiveness in accomplishing the educational, historical and patriotic objectives, to recommend changes and new programs to improve the Ohio Society effectiveness in accomplishing these objectives.

## THE EXECUTIVES

**(photo of Executive Committee)**

**The President** is the Chief Executive Officer of the Society and shall preside at all meetings of the Society, the Executive Committee and Board of management, and shall be entitled to cast his vote in the event of a tie at any meeting at which he presides. He shall enforce the Regulations and rules of the Society. He shall be the Editor-in-Chief of the Bulletin and be responsible for editorial and publishing policy. He shall appoint, with the approval of the Board of Management District Chairmen, and Committee chairmen whose term shall be for one year.

**The First Vice President** In the absence of the President, The First V.P shall preside over the Society Board of Management and Executive Committee meetings. He will be the Chapter liason working with and coordinating with the District Chairmen and Chapter Presidents Supporting and providing assistance to the chapters in carrying out their programs. He shall coordinate Chapter visitations for the Executive Board. He shall review and monitor the OHSSAR web site to be sure the information is appropriate and up to date. He will encourage the use of the web site for information. At the Winter Board of Management meeting with the support of the Treasurer, he shall present the budget for the ensuing year.

**The Second Vice President** In the absence of the President and First Vice-President the second Vice president shall preside over the Society, Board of Management and Executive Committee meetings. The Second V.P will assist the President in the arrangements for making the meeting arrangements for the Summer, Fall and Winter Board of Management meetings as well as the Society's Annual Meeting Making Reservations, and with the Treasurer coordinate and make payments for the expenses involved with these meetings. He shall oversee the meeting rooms and see that they are set up to conduct Meetings.

**The Secretary** The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society. He shall record, maintain and distribute the minutes of all meetings of the Society, Board of Management and Executive Committee including the Society Annual Meeting. He shall have charge of those Society records appropriate to his office and not maintained by other officers or Committee chairmen and, together with the presiding officer, shall certify all acts of the Society. He shall keep accurate records of all the proceedings and orders of the Society, and shall give notice to the officers of all votes, orders, resolves and proceedings of the Society affecting them, or appertaining to their respective duties. He shall maintain a listing of all approved standing rules, the office of secretary receives many communications from the National Society; he shall forward these communications as appropriate.

**The Treasurer** the Treasurer shall collect and keep the funds and securities of the Society, and shall pay out of such funds only payments approved by the Board of Management. He shall keep accurate accounts of the revenue and expenditures of the Society. His annual report shall include a comparison of actual revenue and expenditures versus budget, a separate accounting for each of the youth programs, life membership, Permanent and other special funds as requested by the Board of Management, and a summary of the revenue and expenditures relating to the Annual Meeting. He shall report to the Board of Management any material variances between actual expenditures and the budget. The Treasurer's accounts shall be audited by an Audit Committee, appointed by the President at each Annual Meeting, who will report their findings to the President and the Executive committee, noting any discrepancies and recommending appropriate action. At the summer Board of Management meeting the Treasurer shall present a recap of the previous year's income and expenses including the Annual Meeting. He shall be responsible for the preparation and timely submittal of the annual income tax report to the IRS, and other such reports as required by law. He shall see that filing

is made in the office of the Ohio Secretary of state of a statement of continued Existence as required by law. Unless waived by a standing rule or other method reviewed by the Board of Management at least annually the Treasurer Shall Execute a bond paid for by the Society in an amount satisfactory to the Board of Management and shall file the same with the President. He shall support the First V.P. in the preparation of the annual budget for the next year for presentation at the Winter Board of Management Meeting.